

MINUTES
of the
FIFTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL SESSION
of the
Muscle Shoals State Line
Free Will Baptist Association



met with
Collinwood Church
September 21, 22, 23, 1978

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things; to avoid all appearances of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and "to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship and by self-denial faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling together for Church conference, public worship and the ordinance of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for support of the Church, of its poor, and its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian Admonition and reproof with meekness and watch over one another in love endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace", to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and the gospel. We will, everywhere, hold the Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations supreme, counting it our chief business in life, to extend the influence of Christ in society constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, support of missions, and success of the Sabbath schools and evangelistic efforts for salvation of souls and conversion of the world, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the Church to order.
2. Call for Peace of the Church.
3. Invite Brothers and Sisters to seats in the council.
4. Call for acknowledgements.
5. Opportunity for members.
6. Reading of the minutes.
7. Is there any reference.
8. Report of committees.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business.
11. Adjourn.

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SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23, 1978

OFFICERS

Reverend Ernest Rich
Reverend Jerry Coker
Reverend Charles O. Marable
Reverend Ronald L. Mashburn

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Clerk
Assistant Clerk

The next session of the Association will convene with Cross Roads Church, located six miles south of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, on Fall River Road, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1979, with Reverend Jerry Coker as the Moderator, Reverend Loyd Jones, Assistant Moderator, Rev. Charles O. Marable as Clerk, and Rev. Ronald L. Mashburn as Assistant Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Adams, Theodore	Leoma, TN 38468	615-852-2489
Adams, Wren	121 W. Taylor St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464	615-762-4862
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Bowers, Jack, Jr.	Rt. 2, Box 107-E Waynesboro, TN 38485	615-722-3597
Brewer, Clovis	Rt. 1, Box 268, Iron City, TN 38463	
Brown, J. O. Jr.	105 Graves Dr., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464	615-762-5168
Burns, J. M. Sr.	Rt. 1, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9648
Caperton, Ed	Lions Nursing Home, Lawrenceburg TN 38464	
Clanton, Elzo	Rt. 5, Florence AL 35630	205-766-9749
Coker, Jerry	Rt. 2, Box 299-A, Killen, AL 35645	205-757-3789
Creekmore, Fred A.	Rt. 2, Box 21, Hohenwald, TN 38462	615-796-5488
Daniel, Clice	Rt. 3, Box 180, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464	615-762-4067
Daniel, Nigle E.	Rt. 2, Box 21, Collinwood TN 38450	615-724-9333
Daniel, Willie	Rt. 2, Box 20, Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-4742
Davis, Johnnie R.	Rt. 5, Florence, AL 35630	205-766-8756
Dickey, Harold D.	Rt. 7, Pulaski, TN 38478	615-363-2897
Dixon, J. O.	Rt. 1, Box 190, Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-4341
Fields, Herman	Parker Retirement Home, 843 N. President, Jackson, MS 39201	
Glover, Dee Jr.	501 W. Grand Ave., Muscle Shoals City, AL	205-381-2321
Glover, Kenneth E.	803 Austin Ave., Sheffield, AL 35660	205-766-5174
Glover, Wm. Earl	809 Austin Ave., Sheffield, AL 35660	205-383-1395
Gobbell, Carmack	Rt. 1, Box 192, Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-4270
Harper, Michael O.	Rt. 1, Box 105, Cypress Inn, TN 38452	615-724-4701
Hollander, Willie E.	Rt. 1, Box 135, Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-9698
Hollman, Cleve	P. O. Box 81, St. Joseph, TN 38481	615-845-4328
Holt, Sammy R.	Rt. 1, Cypress Inn, TN 38452	615-724-9913
Hovis, Jerry R.	Rt. 3, Toney, AL 35773	205-828-3101
Hunt, Charles E.	Rt. 1, Box 188, Florence AL 35630	205-757-2816
Hunt, Dennis	Rt. 1, Box 402, Florence, AL 35630	205-757-1065
Jones, Loyd	Rt. 2, Loretto, TN 38469	615-853-6636
Kelley, George	Wayne Co. Nursing Home, Waynesboro, TN 38485	
Kelley, Raymond	Rt. 2, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9172
Killen, H. C. Sr.	402 W. TN St., Florence, AL 35630	205-764-0777
Lanier, Jesse	Route 4, Box 35-A, Florence AL 35630	205-764-9265
Lopp, Charles	Rt. 1, West Point, TN 38486	615-762-2062
Malone, M. J.	Rt. 1, Iron City, TN 38463	615-845-4188
Marable, Charles O.	Rt. 2, Box 342-F, Rogersville, AL 35652	205-247-0954
Mashburn, Ronald L.	Rt. 2, Leoma, TN 38468	615-852-2749
McConnell, Danny W.	Route 1, Zion Acres, Columbia, TN 38401	615-388-8753
McConnell, Richard	Rt. 1, Box 66, Ethridge, TN 38456	615-829-2128
Peppers, Arlo	Rt. 1, Box 61, Bankston AL 35542	205-689-4102
Prince, Dick	110 Jackson St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464	615-762-3517
Prince, Leslie	Rt. 2, Box 157, Iron City, TN 38463	
Quillen, Floyd C. Sr.	Rt. 3, Toney, AL 35773	205-828-3546
Rich, Ernest	Rt. 2, Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-4516
Ricketts, J. A.	381 Green View Dr., Columbia, TN 38401	615-388-2161
Roberts, Mike	409 Briarwood Dr., Columbia, TN 38401	615-388-8619
Roden, Howard	2609 14th St., Sheffield, AL 35660	205-381-4767

Roper, T. E. Sr.	Rt. 2, Loretto, TN 38469	615-853-6558
Rowden, Frederick S	2222 Cole St., Florence, AL 35630	205-766-3004
Sanderson, Paul H.	1313 Sunnyside St., Florence, AL 35630	205-764-6934
Speegle, Jessie	114 Colorado St., Muscle Shoals, AL 35660	205-381-2888
Stooksberry, M. A.	Rt. 1, Box 260, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9608
Story, Paul C.	Rt. 3, Leoma, TN 38468	615-762-4806
Strait, Alford C.	Rt. 1, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9268
Turnbow, James T.	Rt. 1, Box 247, Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-9266
West, Preston	Rt. 9, Box 458, Florence AL 35630	205-764-9679
Woods, J. C.	Rt. 4, Florence, AL 35630	

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITH LIFE TIME CARDS

Brewer, Clovis	Rt. 1, Box 268, Iron City, TN 38463
Burns, J. M. Sr.	Rt. 1, Iron City, TN 38463
Caperton, Ed	Loretto, TN 38469
Creekmore, Fred A.	Rt. 2, Box 21, Hohenwald, TN 38462
Daniel, Clice	Rt. 3, Box 180, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
Daniel, Willie	Rt. 2, Box 20, Collinwood, TN 38450
Dixon, J. O.	Rt. 1, Box 190, Collinwood, TN 38450
Kelley, George	Wayne Co. Nursing Home, Waynesboro, TN 38485
Killen, H. C. Sr.	402 W. Tenn. St., Florence, AL 35630
Roper, T. E. Sr.	Rt. 2, Loretto, TN 38469
Sanderson, Paul H.	1313 Sunnyside St., Florence, AL 35630
Story, Paul C.	Rt. 3, Leoma, TN 38468

LICENSED MINISTERS, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parrish, Roland	Rt. 4, Box 228-D, Florence, AL 35630
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DECEASED MINISTERS NAMES RETAINED

Arnold, J. L.	Cross Roads Church
Arnold, Tom	Union Hill Church
Berryman, Charles	Friendship of Sheffield Church
Boswell, H. M.	Columbia Church
Dillard, J. S.	Alabama City Church
Dotson, J. M.	St. Joseph Church
Fisher, Louis	Royal Avenue Church
Freeman, R. F.	Cardover Church
Garren, William H.	Iron City Church
Lewis, John T.	Friendship State Line Church
Lindsey, Dalton A.	Royal Avenue Church
Martin, Christopher C.	Forty-Eight Bridge Church
Martin, Thomas H.	Macedonia Church
Mashburn, Roy	Iron City Church
McGee, Ellie	Johnson Chapel Church
Norred, John	Cypress Oak Grove Church
Norred, Theodore	Community Church
Oliver, Johnnie	Royal Avenue Church

Paul, Wallace
Reyer, C. L.
Rowden, Ellis P.
Royal, L. B.
Serrett, D. D.
Staggs, Eddie

Columbia Church
Friendship State Line Church
Royal Avenue Church
Royal Avenue Church
Flatwoods Church
Royal Avenue Church

CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND ADDRESSES

Burns' Chapel	Ernest Rich	Rt. 2, Collinwood, TN 38450
Butler's Grove	Jessie Speegle	Rt. 4, 114 Colorado, Tuscumbia, AL 35674
Canaan	Preston West	Rt. 9, Box 458, Florence, AL 35630
Collinwood	Paul C. Story	Rt. 3, Leoma, TN 38468
Columbia	Mike Roberts	409 Briarwood Dr., Columbia, TN 38401
Community	Charles O. Marable	Rt. 2 Box 342 F Rogersville, AL 35652
Cross Roads	Leo Beckman	Rt. 1, Box 118, Athens, AL 35611
Cypress Oak Grove	James T. Turnbow	Rt. 1, Box 247, Collinwood, TN 38450
Fellowship	Charles Lopp	Rt. 2 West Point, TN 38486
Flatwoods	Jemes Brewer	Rt. 3, Box 107, Waynesboro, TN 38485
Forty-Eight Bridge	Jack Bowers, Jr.	Rt. 2 Box 107E Waynesboro, TN 38485
Friendship of Sheffield	Jesse Lanier	Rt 10 Box 179 Florence, AL 35630
Friendship State Line	Charles E. Hunt	Rt. 1 Box 188 Florence, AL 35630
Grays' Chapel	Ronald L. Mashburn	Rt. 2, Leoma, TN 38468
Hickory Flat	Carmack Gobbell	Rt 1 Box 192 Collinwood, TN 38450
Iron City	M. A. Stooksberry	Rt. 1, Box 260, Iron City, TN 38463
Johnson Chapel	M. J. Malone	Rt. 1, Iron City, TN 38463
Liberty Chapel	Clice Daniel	Rt. 3, Box 180 Lawrenceburg, TN
Mill Rock	Jerry Coker	Rt. 2, Box 299-A, Killen, AL 35645
New Community	Kenneth E. Glover	803 Austin Ave., Sheffield, AL 35660
Oak Grove No. 2	Richard McConnell	Rt 1 Box 66 Ethridge, TN 38456
Rose Hill		
Royal Avenue	Johnnie R. Davis	Rt. 5, Box 183, Florence, AL 35630
St. Joseph	Dennis Hunt	Rt. 1, Box 402, Florence, AL 35630
State Line Grove	Elzo Clanton	Rt. 5 Florence, AL 35630
Williams Chapel	Loyd Jones	Rt. 2, Loretto, TN 38469

CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES

Burns' Chapel	Maye Brewer	Rt. 1, Box 282, Iron City, TN 38463
Butler Grove	Bobby Ray Daniel	Rt. 2, Box 199, Collinwood, TN 38450
Canaan	Glenda Hagan	Rt 6 Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
Collinwood	Iva Jean Berry	P. O. Box 65, Collinwood, TN 38450
Columbia	James Parr	218 Davis Ave., Columbia, TN 38401
Community	Donna Butler	Rt. 1, Box 80, Iron City, TN 38463
Cross Roads	Michael Lindsey	Rt. 3 Leoma, TN 38468
Cypress Oak Grove	Roy C. Butler	Rt. 1, Box 175, Iron City, TN 38463
Fellowship	Blanche Lester	Rt. 2, Box 146, Iron City, TN 38463
Flatwoods	Brenda P. Phillips	Rt. 3 Box 164-B Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
Forty-Eight Bridge	Reba Pierce	Rt. 4, Box 272-B, Waynesboro, TN 38485
Friendship of Sheffield	Mrs. Shannon Liles	1215 E. Limestone St., Florence AL 35630
Friendship State Line	Merle Cross	215 J. Crossroad, Taft, TN 38488

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Lela Mae Curbow
Lillie Smitherman
Virgie Lumpkins
Janice Balentine
Buddy Stafford
Yvonne Dixon
Christine Wilbanks
Sue Mitchell
Pauline Smith
Francis Blocker
Nadine Adams
Andrew Killen
Patsy Russ

Rt. 3, Box 266, Killen, AL 35645
Rt. 1, Box 442, Killen AL 35645
Rt. 2, Box A-1, Iron City, TN 38463
Rt. 1, Box 35, Lutts, TN 38471
Rt. 1 Box 251 Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
Rt. 1, Box 190, Collinwood, TN 38450
Rt. 2 Florence, AL 35630
Rt. 1 Box 128 West Point, TN 38486
Box 286 Rt. 7 Pulaski, TN 38478
901 N. Royal Ave. Florence AL 35630
Leoma, TN 38468
Rt. 2, Box 161, Lexington AL 35648
Rt. 2, Iron City, TN 38463

CHURCHES, DEACONS, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Burns' Chapel

Nola Berry	Rt. 1, Cypress Inn, TN 38452	615-724-9675
J. M. Burns Jr.	Rt. 1, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9695
Gene Cook	Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-9538
Danny Roberson	Rt. 1, Box 250, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9489

Butler's Grove

Leonard Thompson	Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9804
Willie Ray Thompson	Rt. 2, Box 223, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9693

Canaan

Joe Eckert	Rt. 4, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464	615-762-9878
Garnett Kelley	Rt. 4, Waynesboro, TN 38485	
Floyd Ray	Rt. 6, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464	615-762-6484

Collinwood

Haggard Andrews	Rt. 2, Box 201, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9370
Floyd Bryant	Collinwood TN 38450	615-724-4734
Martin Gann	P. O. Box 144, Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-4383
W. C. Smith	Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-4732
Jay Wright	P. O. Box 36, Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-4797

Columbia

Howard Jones	322 E. Highland Dr., Columbia, TN 38401	615-388-4744
Donald Paul	101 Pleasant Dr., Columbia, TN 38401	615-388-2995
Douglas, Paul	304 Pleasant Dr., Columbia, TN 38401	615-388-7896
Elton Potts	200 E. 15th St., Columbia, TN 38401	615-388-5445
Frank Whitehead	1717 Hill View Hts., Columbia, TN 38401	615-388-0377

Community

Elvin Butler	Rt. 3, Iron City, TN 38463	205-766-1856
J. L. Reatheford	Rt. 9, Box 455, Florence, AL 35630	205-766-3597

Cross Roads

Clarence Belew	Rt. 1, Box 111, Loretto, TN 38469	615-852-2282
Bonnie Hardiman	Rt. 3, Leoma, TN 38468	615-852-2819
Alfred L. Mashburn	Rt. 2, Leoma, TN 38468	615-852-2819
D. F. Peppers	Rt. 3, Leoma, TN 38468	615-852-2221
Hubert Townsend	Rt. 5, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464	615-762-2898

Cypress Oak Grove

Lewis Marks	Rt. 3, Florence, AL 35630	205-767-2487
Roy C. Butler	Rt. 1, Box 76, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9762
Warren Strait	Rt. 1, Box 151, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9023

Fellowship

Frank Kelley	Rt. 2, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9260
Gene Kelley	Rt. 2, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9179

Flatwoods

Mitchell Daniel	Rt. 3, Box 181, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464	615-762-5404
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Forty-Eight Bridge

Elmer Hubbard	111 Vine St., Hohenwald, TN 38462	615-796-5837
Joel O. Martin, Sr.	Rt. 4, Box 169, Waynesboro, TN 38485	615-722-3565

Friendship of Sheffield

James Paul Liles	1215 E. Limestone St., Florence, AL 35630	205-766-6434
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Friendship State Line

John Cross	Rt. 1, Box 394, Taft, TN 38488	
Garland Hale	Rt. 3, Elkmont, AL 35620	205-423-3644
Delmer Ray Jones	Rt. 1 Box 175 Athens, AL 35611	205-233-0381
Albert Malone	Rt. 1, Hazel Green, AL 35750	
Cecil Pigg	2266 Ready Section Rd. Toney AL 35773	205-828-0443
Carlton Poole	165 Brady Dr. Taft, TN 38488	205-828-3126

Gray's Chapel

Bill Curbow	Rt. 3, Box 266, Killen, AL 35645	205-757-2616
James L. Hamm	Rt. 1, Florence, AL 35630	205-757-2826

Hickory Flat

Almon Gray	Rt. 3, Lexington, AL 35648	205-229-8859
Jesse Gray	Rt. 1, Rogersville, AL 35652	
Solon Gray	Rt. 3, Lexington, AL 35648	205-229-5128

Iron City

Walter Daniel	Rt. 2, Iron City, TN 38463	615-845-4103
Beaumont Goolsby	Rt. 2, Iron City, TN 38463	
Houston Johnston	Rt. 1, St. Joseph, TN 38481	615-845-4261
Howard Perry, Sr.	Iron City, TN 38463	615-845-4383

Johnson Chapel

Edwin E. Balentine	Rt. 1, Box 35, Lutts, TN 38471	615-724-9481
Johnny Johnson	Rt. 1, Box 36, Lutts, TN 38471	615-724-9570

Liberty Chapel

Odell Weems	Rt. 1, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464	615-762-2735
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Mill Rock

Buford Ayers	Rt. 1, Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-9530
Joe Butler	P. O. Box 94, Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-4524
Harlon Ray Daniel	Rt. 1, Collinwood, Tn 38450	615-724-4785
James C. Daniel	Rt. 1, Collinwood, TN 38450	615-724-9659
Billy Holt	Rt. 1, Cypress Inn, TN 38452	615-724-4794
Ollie Holt	Rt. 2, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9358

New Community

George Fowlkes	Rt. 2, Florence, AL 35630	
Leonard Fowlkes	Rt. 2, Florence, AL 35630	
Roland Parrish	Rt. 4, Box 228-D, Florence, AL 35630	

Oak Grove No. 2

Mitchell Lopp	Rt. 1, West Point, TN 38486	615-762-7217
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Rose Hill

Billy Beets	Rt. 7, Box 290-A, Pulaski, TN 38478	615-363-1035
Milas Myers	Rt. 7, Box 286, Pulaski, TN 38478	615-363-3913

Royal Avenue

Grady Doyle	213 N. Richard St., Florence, AL 35630	205-764-9640
W. S. Benefield	Rt. 10, Box 72, Florence, AL 35630	205-764-5880
Johnny Blocker	901 N. Royal Ave., Florence AL	205-764-7360
Doys Whitehead	2102 Union Ave., Florence, AL 35630	205-764-6741

St. Joseph

Henry Hollman	Rt. 1, Loretto, TN 38469	615-853-6161
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State Line Grove

Elvin C. Garrison	Rt. 1, Lexington, AL 35648	205-229-6918
Andrew Killen	Rt. 2, Lexington, AL 35648	205-229-6948
Theo Mashburn	Rt. 2, Lexington, AL 35648	205-229-5407
Clarence Wisdom	Loretto, TN 38469	615-853-4952

Williams Chapel

Alfred Butler	Rt. 2, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9791
J. D. Butler	Rt. 2, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9461
Russell Gambrell	Rt. 2, Box 189, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9298
Dell Moore	Rt. 2, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9381
Willie J. Moore	Rt. 2, Box 166, Iron City, TN 38463	615-724-9334

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

The fifty-eighth annual session of the Muscle Shoals State Line Freewill Baptist Association met with Collinwood Church at 7:00 p. m. Thursday Night before the forth Sunday in September, 1978.

The session opened with hymn "He Abides." Prayer by Rev. V. H. Gean. Welcome address by pastor, Rev. Paul C. Story. Moved, Second, and carried to appoint Rev. Jerry Coker as the Assistant Moderator. Called for song "Amazing Grace." Visiting ministers were Rev. J. B. Harper, Rev. V. H. Gean, Rev. James Brewer, all from Tennessee River Association, and Rev. Robert B. Crawford from the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee. Prayer by Rev. Loyd Jones. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Jerry Coker. Scripture used by St. Matthew 6:25-33. Many good and heart warming testimonies were given. Song "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian." The message was delivered by the moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich. The Scripture was taken from I Peter 3:17 & 18. Text "Growing and Getting Closer To God." A very good message was preached. The Church Covenant was read, then a song and altar call-"Are You Washed In The Blood."

Assignment to homes by Pastor Paul C. Story. Rev. Robert B. Crawford was permitted to give some information about the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville. Dismissed with a special altar of prayer for sick, elderly, and bereaved ones. Also requested to have an old-time handshake.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the Moderator, Reverend Ernest Rich. The congregation sang "Jesus Saves" followed with a prayer by Brother Dick Prince. The Moderator read I Corinthians 12:26-31 then read the rules of order of the Association. Followed with reading and receiving Church letters and seating the delegates. Churches and delegates as follows:

BURNS' CHAPEL-Sister Elsie Berry, Sister Maye Brewer, Sister Earlene Rich Minute Fund \$37.00.

BUTLER'S GROVE-Sister Ivadean Daniel, Bro. David Thompson, Sister Brenda Thompson. Minute Fund \$15.00.

CANAAN-Sister Faye Crews, Sister Kathy Crews, Sister Mamie Crews. Minute Fund \$20.00.

COLLINWOOD-Sister Elsie Berry, Bro. Elmer Daniel, Bro. Jimmy Creasy. Minute Fund \$25.

COLUMBIA-By letter. Minute Fund \$20.00.

COMMUNITY-Bro. M. C. Erwin, Sister Nellie Cagle, Sister Friede Weaver - Minute Fund \$20.00.

CROSS ROADS-Bro. Monroe Peppers, Bro. Howard Whitehead. Minute Fund \$20.00.

CYPRESS OAK GROVE-Sister Juanita Lawson, Sister Bessie Strait, Sister Shelby Butler Minute Fund \$20.00.

FELLOWSHIP-Bro. Oneas Lester, Sister Blanch Lester, Sister Vetti Prince. Minute Fund \$15.00.

FLATWOODS-Bro. Joe Olive, Bro. Marvin Daniel, Bro. W. O. Phillips. Minute Fund \$50.00.

FORTY-EIGHT BRIDGE-Sister Birdie Lee Hobbs, Sister Sarah E. Martin, Sister Elizabeth Bowers. Minute Fund \$40.00.

FRIENDSHIP OF SHEFFIELD-By letter. Minute Fund \$20.00.

FRIENDSHIP STATELINE-Sister Linda Lincoln, Sister Judy Beverly, Sister Merle Cross. Minute Fund \$25.00.

GRAY'S CHAPEL-Bro. Leo Hunt, Bro. Fay Dickerson. Minute Fund \$35.00.

HICKORY FLAT-Bro. Vester Beavers, Sister Vesta Beavers, Sister Leona Gray. Minute Fund \$25.38.

IRON CITY-Sister Evelene Stooksberry, Sister Lou Ann Gamble, and Sister Esther Brewer. Minute Fund \$20.00.

JOHNSON CHAPEL-Sister Betty Johnson, Cora McGee. Minute Fund \$15.00.

LIBERTY CHAPEL-Bro. Sowell Stafford, Sister Nowell Stutts. Minute Fund \$15.00.

MILL ROCK-Bro. Roger Balentine, Bro. Phillip Ayers, Bro. Reginald Holt. Minute Fund \$80.00.

NEW COMMUNITY-By letter. Minute Fund \$10.00.

OAK GROVE #2-Sister Irene Lopp, Sister Vera Lopp. Minute Fund \$10.00.

ROSE HILL-Sister Jean O'Malley, Sister Dorothy Meyers. Minute Fund \$20.00.

ROYAL AVENUE -Bro. Hugh Duncan, Bro. James Smith. Minute Fund \$20.00.

ST. JOSEPH-Sister Lillie Perry, Sister Brenda Holman, Sister Nadine Adams. Minute Fund \$20.00.

STATELINE GROVE-Sister Lorene Roper, Sister Esther Wisdom, Sister Wanda Jones. Minute Fund \$25.00.

WILLIAMS CHAPEL-Sister Lucy Gambrell, Sister Delphia Todd, Sister Mona Butler. Minute Fund \$15.00.

Called for petitionary letters from Churches. A letter was received from Liberty Chapel Free Will Baptist requesting to become a member to this Association. Moved and seconded and accepted to receive them. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegate from Liberty Chapel Free Will Baptist. The enrollment of ordained ministers, ordained deacons, and delegates was as follows: 28 Ordained Ministers, 21 Ordained Deacons, and 60 delegates. Visiting Ministers were Rev. Virgil Gean, Rev. J. P. Harper both from Tennessee River Association, and Rev. R. B. Crawford from the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Received a letter from Bro. Fred A. Creekmore at Hohenwald Church requesting that the Association drop the Church from the Association, due to sickness, ill health, and elderly conditions of the members there. Motion, seconded to carry this request out by the body. Motioned and seconded by the body, and carried by a vote, to put in the Minutes that the Association Evangelist, Gene Daniel, and the Assistant Evangelist, Charles Lopp, and the Pastor of the Hohenwald Church, Richard McConnell, did an outstanding and reasonable work at the Church this past year. Only one Church requested to have the next Association,

Cross Roads Church, and received the vote. Brother R. B. Crawford was permitted to speak about the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville. Called for a song "I Want To Know More About My Lord." Motion, seconded and carried to adjourn the Association for preaching services, to meet back at 1:00 P. M.

Preaching by Rev. J. M. Burns, Sr. No Scripture was read, he quoted "The Lord Is My Shepherd I Shall Not Want" from the Twenty third Psalm. Preaching by Rev. Ronald Mashburn. Scripture II Peter 2:8. The messages were Spiritually anointed and enjoyed very much. Song "Just As I Am" with an altar call.

Moderator called for another song "Trust & Obey" for an old-time hand shake. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Jack Bowers, Jr.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session was called to order by Moderator Rev. Ernest Rich. Song "It Won't Be Long" followed by prayer by Rev. Leslie Prince. Another song, "The Eastern Gate."

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

GENERAL BUSINESS - Rev. Paul C. Story-Chairman, Rev. James Turnbow, Rev. Hubert Townsend with Moderator & Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Rev. Jack Bowers, Jr.-Chairman, Rev. T. E. Roper, Sr., Rev. Loyd Jones

TEMPERANCE - Rev. Charles Lopp-Chairman, Rev. Richard McConnell, Rev. Jessie Speegle

EDUCATION - Rev. Charles Hunt-Chairman, Bro. Odell Weems, Rev. Paul C. Story

FINANCE - Bro. Buford Ayers, Chairman, Bro. Clarence Wisdom, Bro. Willie Ray Thompson, Rev. Charles Marable, Clerk.

OBITUARY-Sister Elsie Berry-Chairman, Sister Earlene Rich, Rev. Charles Marable, Clerk

MISCELLANEOUS - Bro. Nola Berry-Chairman, Bro. Joe Butler, Rev. Leslie Prince.

RESOLUTIONS-Bro. Solon Gray-Chairman, Rev. J. M. Burns, Sr., Bro. Bill Curbow

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Loyd Jones was elected Assistant Moderator, Rev. Charles O. Marable elected as Clerk, and Rev. Ronald Mashburn was re-elected as Assistant Clerk. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn the Association for the Presbytery to meet.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The session was opened with "Halleluiah, I'm Going Home!" Another song "Take A Moment And Live." Prayer by Rev. Earl Dixon. Devotional Service was conducted by Rev. Johnnie R. Davis. Scripture reading was St. John 3:16-19. After many testimonies, the service was given to Rev. Arlo Peppers who asked for two verses of "Amazing Grace." Rev. Peppers read Genesis 3:9 with the text being "Where Art Thou?" Many other Scriptures were used as reference in the message. Song "Is Your Heart Right With God?" with an altar call.

Assigned to homes by Pastor, Rev. Paul C. Story. Dismissed by Bro. Joel Martin, Sr.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 9:30 A. M. by the Moderator, Rev. Ernest Rich. Congregation sang "Just One Way." Prayer by Rev. Jack Bowers, Jr. Moderator Read from Psalm 133, verses 1-3. Called for number of delegates: 16 No. of deacons: 11, Ordained Ministers; 16, two visiting Ministers: Rev. R. B. Crawford from Nashville, Tenn. and Rev. Earl Dixon from Tennessee River Association. Motioned, seconded, and carried to retain New Community Church since no letter was received. Motioned, seconded, and carried to take \$200.00 out of Home Missions and send to Johnson Chapel. Motion, seconded and carried to put Sunday School minutes and report in with the regular minutes of the Association Motioned, seconded & carried to take up a gift offering to give to the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn. Amount of the offering was \$100.00. Received from Rev. Robert B. Crawford a receipt for \$88.00 for the gift to the College. The remainder receipt was given to individuals who donated.

REPORTS

The following committee reports were read, adopted, and committees released.

GENERAL BUSINESS

We, your committee on General Business, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend that we retain a home mission board and that each Church send \$10.00; however, stronger Churches give according to their ability. The money to be used within the bounds of our Association to help organize and to build new Churches in areas where there is no Free Will Baptist Church.
2. We recommend that each Church take an offering quarterly for the Children's Home. Churches located in Alabama support the Home at Eldridge, Alabama, and Churches in Tennessee support the Home at Greeneville, Tennessee.
3. We recommend that the Moderator preach Thursday night at the beginning of the Association and the Assistant Moderator conduct the devotional service.
4. We recommend that the Moderator of conferences in our Churches see that the majority of the members present vote for or against each move, or it will be illegal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Paul C. Story

We your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report as follows:

We regard the Sunday School as one of the greatest helps to the Church as it is the best place to train a child, except in the home. We find the following in God's word: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it". (Proverbs 22:6)

We recommend that each church, with its Pastor, strive to teach the Bible in its entirety, for the Bible is the waybill for all men. It is the promise of eternal life.

We recommend that the Pastors and Deacons, see that each Church has a Sunday School and uses only Free Will Baptist Literature.

We urge that parents carry their children to Sunday School and assist in every way possible to help carry on the school. We also recommend that the children stay for preaching services, and that we use only Christian leaders. We urge that our Sunday Schools be represented at our Sunday School Convention each year. The next convention convenes with Flatwoods Church, July 28 & 29, 1979.

Rev. Jack Bowers Jr., Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

That we as Free Will Baptist must abstain from all intoxicating drinks and that we must keep ourselves unspotted from the world. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1).

We must be temperate in all things: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers" (Eph. 4:29). "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (I Peter 2:11). "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

Rev. Charles Lopp, Chairman

EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to report as follows:

We are living in a time when education is being stressed, but we read in the Word of God, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5), for God is able to supply our needs.

One may be able to memorize the whole Bible, yet not be able to get the spiritual meaning. "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God..." (I Corinthians 3:19).

We urge our people to teach their children at home about the Word of God, "And that from a child thou hast known...Faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:15). We urge the head of each family of our people, to set aside ample time during each day, to get the family together and read a portion of the Word of God, equivalent to at least one chapter, and have family prayer. We recommend that the members of the Presbytery study the articles of our constitution and teach them to the members of our Churches.

Bro. Charles E. Hunt, Chairman

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report the following:

Balance in Treasury from 1977	\$188.64
Money received for Minute Fund	630.38
Total in Treasury Sept. 22, 1978	\$819.02

Bro. Buford Ayers, Chairman

MISCELLANEOUS

We, your committee on Miscellaneous, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That all our Churches give as much as possible to the support of our Evangelist.

2. We recommend that our Evangelist and Assistant Evangelist work in new fields, organizing Churches as well as visiting old Churches.
3. We recommend that our Evangelist and Assistant Evangelist not accept any Church as Pastor, and fill in no longer than 30 days while a new Pastor is called.
4. We recommend that if any of our Sunday School officials or Pastors should decide to resign, that they notify the Sunday School or Church 30 days ahead of time.
5. We recommend that all Sunday School officials be Christians and study the Bible to show themselves approved unto God, that they be able to rightly divide the Word of Truth.
6. We recommend that the Churches in our Association have the Church Covenant printed and posted in the Church that all members may know the Covenant.
7. We recommend that all our Churches have the Articles of Faith printed and posted inside the Church.
8. We recommend that all our Churches call their Pastor from our Association if possible.
9. We recommend that each Church Pastor and its Deacons encourage their Church to contribute more generously to the Minute Fund.

Bro. Nola Berry, Chairman

OBITUARY

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report that God has seen fit to send His death angel to visit our Churches and call from our midst these following loved ones:

BURNS' CHAPEL-Sister Josie Whitten, and Sister Sallie Hill.

COLLINWOOD-Sister Ethel Vickery

COLUMBIA-Sister Viola Grubbs, Sister Addie Mosley, Sister Evie Potts, Brother Gene Plaskon

COMMUNITY-Brother Martin C. Erwin, Sr. and Reverend Theodore Norred

CROSS ROADS-Brother Frank Jones

FELLOWSHIP-Brother A. C. Kelley and Brother Richard Kelley

FLATWOODS-Sister Estelle Mashburn and Brother Everett Griggs (Deacon)

FORTY-EIGHT BRIDGE-Brother Freeman Butler and Sister Marie Prince

FRIENDSHIP OF SHEFFIELD-Sister Easter Berry

FRIENDSHIP STATELINE-Brother Troy Butler (Deacon)

IRON CITY-Sister Dora Brewer and Sister Lizzie Weaver

OAK GROVE # 2-Brother Robert Attkisson

ROYAL AVENUE-Sister Willie Weems and Brothe Markham Hayes

Therefore, we bow in humble submission to His will and exclaim, "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away: blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalms 116:15.

To the bereaved ones, we point you to Christ, who alone can give you comfort and fill the Vacancies. We extend our sympathy to you, for we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sister Elsie Berry, Chairman

Everyone was invited to the Altar to pray in behalf of the bereaved ones in the loss of their loved ones.

MINISTER'S REPORT	SERMONS PREACHED	PUBLIC PRAYERS	RECEIVED IN CHURCH	BAPTIZED	VISITED SICK HOMES & HOSPITALS	FUNERALS PREACHED	ORDAINED DEACONS	ORDAINED MINISTERS	PASTORED CHURCHES	HELD COMMUNION SERVICES	CONDUCTED PRAYER MEETINGS	ATTENDED SUNDAY SCHOOL	HELD REVIVALS	MILES TRAVELED	MONEY RECEIVED	TRAVEL EXPENSES	MARRIED COUPLES	ORGANIZED CHURCH	ORGANIZED S.S.
Adams, Theodore	6	10	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	\$ 15.00	0	0	0	0
Adams, Wren	6	30	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austin, James	15	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beckman, Leo	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	52	0	8,080	\$1452.20	0	0	0	0
Bowers, Jack Jr.	42	65	0	0	35	0	2	2	1	1	0	50	2	6,447	\$ 895.30	\$1096.99	0	0	0
Brewer, Clovis	15	25	0	0	30	10	0	0	0	0	3	25	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brown, James O. Jr.	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	30	0	0	\$ 73.17	0	0	0	0
Burns, J. M. Sr.	7	35	0	0	29	1	2	2	0	0	0	36	0	0	\$ 93.00	0	0	0	0
Clanton, Elzo	20	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coker, Jerry	95	80	0	0	50	0	2	2	1	4	0	45	6	10,501	\$4137.61	\$1460.00	1	0	0
Creekmore, Fred A.	14	58	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel, Cllice	39	24	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	34	1	0	\$ 604.74	0	0	0	0
Daniel, Nigle E.	25	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	30	0	0	\$ 390.00	0	1	1	1
Daniel, Willie	5	30	0	1	0	9	2	2	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Davis, Johnnie R.	87	75	11	7	120	2	2	2	1	3	40	45	4	0	0	0	2	0	0
Dixon, J. O.	12	94	0	1	64	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Glover, Dee Jr.	38	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	500	\$ 10.00	\$ 200.00	1	0	0
Glover, Wm. Earl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	\$ 1.60	0	0	0	0
Gobbell, Carmack	35	40	4	4	30	0	2	2	1	1	0	36	0	1,363	\$ 409.00	\$ 150.00	0	0	0
Harper, Michael O.	18	300	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	901	\$ 87.00	\$ 108.12	0	0	0
Hollander, Willie E.	35	49	0	1	32	0	2	2	1	2	0	45	1	0	\$812.00	0	1	0	0
Hollman, Cleve	19	199	0	3	164	0	2	2	0	0	0	49	0	6,271	\$ 82.92	\$ 500.00	0	0	0

Holt, Sammy R.	18	29	0	0	5	0	2	2	0	1	0	40	0	1,400	\$ 405.00	\$ 380.00	0	0	0
Hovis, Jerry	146	0	3	4	0	5	0	0	1	4	2	52	3	0	\$2860.00	0	1	0	0
Hunt, Charles E.	41	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	49	1	0	\$ 203.55	0	0	0	0
Hunt, Dennis	52	120	10	8	45	0	2	2	1	4	1	52	0	2,782	\$1300.00	0	1	0	0
Jones, Loyd	45	32	1	0	45	2	2	2	1	1	3	47	2	0	\$1575.55	0	2	0	0
Kelley, Raymond	6	47	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	4	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Killen, H. C. Sr.	12	40	0	0	20	3	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	\$ 350.00	\$ 211.20	0	0	0
Lanier, Jesse	83	47	0	0	32	0	0	0	1	4	0	50	2	2,580	\$1435.00	\$ 495.00	1	0	0
Lopp, Charles	40	57	0	0	30	0	2	2	0	0	0	50	1	0	\$ 540.51	0	3	0	0
Malone, M. J.	56	60	1	1	10	0	2	2	1	1	0	51	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marable, Charles O.	97	142	2	2	110	3	2	2	1	2	50	49	5	14,661	\$1524.00	0	1	0	0
Mashburn, Ronald L.	73	125	10	5	57	1	0	0	1	4	0	48	1	4,948	\$3120.00	\$ 989.60	2	0	0
McConnell, Danny W.	170	0	14	21	0	1	2	2	1	4	48	52	4	0	0	0	2	0	0
McConnell, Richard	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	46	1	3,110	\$ 150.00	0	0	0	0
Peppers, Arlo	104	220	8	2	110	5	2	2	1	0	48	48	2	5,950	\$8,380.00	\$1190.00	1	0	0
Prince, Dick	1	45	0	0	42	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prince, Leslie	32	93	0	0	153	3	2	2	1	4	3	46	1	1,118	\$ 5.00	0	1	0	0
Rich, Ernest	53	41	7	9	88	8	2	2	1	1	2	45	2	0	\$2036.00	0	0	0	0
Ricketts, J. A.	0	93	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	150	0	\$ 8.00	0	0	0
Roper, T. E. Sr.	1	21	0	0	27	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rowden, Frederick	9	98	0	6	25	2	2	2	0	0	0	51	0	0	\$ 64.00	0	0	0	0
Sanderson, Paul H.	17	82	0	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	2	47	2	0	\$ 236.65	0	1	0	0
Speegle, Jessie L.	46	85	0	0	55	2	0	0	1	3	9	43	0	5,440	\$1290.90	\$ 890.46	0	0	0
Stooksberry, M. A.	51	129	0	0	33	1	2	2	1	1	0	49	1	2,063	\$1531.00	0	0	0	0
Story, Paul C.	50	100	6	3	150	10	2	2	1	1	3	50	1	0	\$3047.13	0	0	0	0
Strait, Alford C.	21	10	0	0	38	0	0	0	1	0	1	50	1	1,000	\$ 72.00	\$ 125.00	0	0	0
Turnbow, James T.	131	145	9	6	200	2	2	2	1	3	5	45	6	10,000	\$1147.24	\$ 500.00	0	0	0
West, Preston	51	99	0	1	59	1	0	0	1	1	0	48	2	9,335	\$2844.00	\$1332.00	0	0	0
Roberts, Mike	146	3	31	49	100	4	0	0	1	4	40	52	7	4,200	\$4200.00	\$2000.00	3	0	0
Roden, Howard	116	63	3	3	58	0	0	0	1	3	2	42	0	290	\$1120.00	0	0	0	0

CHURCHES REPORTING	RECEIVED BY EXPERIENCE	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY CONFESSION	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXPELLED	DEAD	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	ACTIVE	INACTIVE	CONTRIBUTION	NO. OF ORDAINED MINISTERS	NO. ORDAINED DEACONS	NO. LICENSED MINISTERS	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	AMOUNT GIVEN PASTOR	AMOUNT GIVEN ASST. PASTOR	AMOUNT GIVEN EVANGELIST	AMOUNT GIVEN ASST. EVANGELIST	AMOUNT GIVEN REVIVAL HELPER	AMOUNT GIVEN FOREIGN MISSIONS	AMOUNT GIVEN HOME MISSIONS	AMOUNT GIVEN CHILDREN'S HOME	OTHER EXPENSES	OUR MEETING DAYS
Burns Chapel	0	4	3	0	0	0	2	84	54	30	\$37.00	74	4	0	\$19,000.00	\$1796.00	0	\$ 26.00	0	\$125.00	0	0	\$ 160.00	\$3219.81	Every Sun.
Butler Grove	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	80	45	35	\$15.00	1	2	0	\$12,000.00	\$1274.90	0	0	\$25.00	\$ 97.00	0	0	0	0	Every Sun.
Canaan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	49	30	\$20.00	0	3	0	\$35,490.00	\$2740.00	0	\$ 16.00	0	\$233.00	0	0	\$ 50.00	\$4810.58	Every Sun.
Collinwood	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	175	85	90	\$25.00	2	5	0	\$25,000.00	\$3047.13	0	\$ 29.50	0	\$275.00	0	0	\$637.04	\$3584.84	Every Sun.
Columbia	6	0	3	0	1	0	4	161	134	27	\$20.00	1	5	1	\$40,000.00	\$4500.00	0	0	0	\$225.00	0	0	\$ 50.00	\$25,000.00	Every Sun.
Community	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	93	44	49	\$20.00	1	2	0	\$13,000.00	\$1475.00	0	\$ 10.00	0	\$150.00	0	\$120.00	\$ 225.00	\$1353.70	Every Sun.
Cross Roads	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	70	43	27	\$20.00	2	5	0	\$17,500.00	\$1577.20	0	\$ 20.00	0	\$125.00	0	0	0	\$1920.93	Every Sun.
Cypress Oak Grove	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	117	25	92	\$20.00	4	3	0	\$20,000.00	\$ 450.00	\$120.00	\$ 15.00	0	\$100.00	0	0	0	\$5182.38	Every Sun.
Fellowship	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	70	30	40	\$15.00	2	2	0	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00	0	\$100.00	0	0	0	\$2016.05	Every Sun.
Flatwoods	0	2	1	0	11	0	2	137	99	38	\$50.00	2	1	0	\$35,000.00	\$1550.82	0	\$ 40.00	0	\$195.00	\$120.00	\$280.00	\$120.00	\$2640.85	Every Sun.
Forty Eight Bridge	3	0	0	0	4	0	2	60	18	42	\$40.00	1	3	0	\$22,900.00	\$1420.83	0	\$ 10.00	0	\$185.00	0	0	\$527.21	\$1710.81	Every Sun.
Friendship of Sheffield	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	70	30	40	\$20.00	5	1	0	\$20,000.00	\$1800.00	0	0	0	\$150.00	0	0	0	\$2400.00	Every Sun.
Friendship Stateline	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	189	90	99	\$25.00	3	6	0	\$30,000.00	\$3699.00	0	\$ 25.00	0	\$400.00	0	0	\$100.00	\$5522.99	Every Sun.
Gray's Chapel	7	3	0	0	4	0	0	97	69	28	\$35.00	3	2	0	\$20,000.00	\$2875.00	0	0	0	\$275.00	0	0	\$100.00	\$1873.93	Every Sun.
Hickory Flat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	29	7	\$25.38	0	3	0	\$39,000.00	\$1200.00	0	\$ 16.00	0	\$ 90.00	0	0	0	\$4114.75	Every Sun.
Iron City	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	112	66	46	\$20.00	2	4	0	\$20,000.00	\$1531.00	0	\$ 15.00	0	\$100.00	0	0	0	\$1579.88	Every Sun.
Johnson Chapel	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	15	11	4	\$15.00	0	2	0	\$15,000.00	0	\$ 22.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$3407.76	Every Sun.
Liberty Chapel	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	\$15.00	0	0	0	0	\$ 589.74	\$ 28.00	\$ 12.00	0	\$125.00	0	0	0	\$ 344.10	Every Sun.
Mill Rock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	174	81	73	\$80.00	6	6	0	\$45,000.00	\$3212.09	0	\$149.00	0	\$305.00	0	0	\$900.00	\$8643.62	Every Sun.
New Community	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	28	3	\$10.00	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Every Sun.
Oak Grove No. 2	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	47	13	33	\$10.00	1	1	0	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 400.00	0	\$ 10.00	0	\$150.00	0	0	0	\$ 268.00	Every Sun.
Rose Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	30	50	\$20.00	2	2	0	\$10,000.00	\$ 725.00	0	0	0	\$125.00	0	0	0	\$ 298.00	2nd & 4th
Royal Avenue	0	4	7	0	0	0	2	71	41	30	\$20.00	2	4	0	\$35,000.00	\$1820.00	0	0	0	\$100.00	0	0	\$100.00	\$3523.08	Every Sun.
St. Joseph	1	2	7	0	2	0	0	64	43	21	\$20.00	3	1	0	\$10,000.00	\$1300.00	0	\$ 10.00	0	\$100.00	0	0	0	\$1724.10	Every Sun.
Stateline Grove	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	104	67	37	\$25.00	3	4	0	\$35,000.00	\$1175.00	0	\$ 75.00	0	\$175.00	0	0	0	\$3831.02	Every Sun.
Williams Chapel	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	69	39	30	\$15.00	2	3	0	\$ 7,500.00	\$1551.14	0	\$ 31.45	0	\$114.00	0	\$ 10.00	0	\$3715.40	Every Sun.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Amount in Treasury July 1, 1977	\$1,132.11
Amount of Interest	60.33
Received from Association	20.00
Total.....	\$1,212.44
Paid Out To Johnson Chapel.....	-200.00
Balance in Treasury Sept. 23, 1978	\$1,012.44
Rev. Ernest Rich, Treasurer	

CLERK'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury Sept. 23, 1977	\$162.00
Received for Minute Fund at Association	606.64
Total in Treasury September 24, 1977	\$ 768.64

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing & binding 800 minutes	\$525.00
Postage, paper, tape for mailing	15.00
Paid Clerk	30.00
Total Disbursements	\$570.00—570.00
Balance in Treasury Sept. 22, 1978	\$188.64
Sister Lillie Smitherman, Clerk	

I really enjoyed serving as your clerk these many years.

Your Sister in Christ, Lillie

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows:

We, as the entire body, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the people of Collinwood Church and the surrounding community for the wonderful Christian fellowship and hospitality shown us during our stay. May God richly bless each of you for everything you have done to make this Association a success.

Bro. Solon Gray, Chairman

Motioned, seconded and carried to adjourn the Association to meet with Cross Roads Church on Thursday Night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1979, at 7:00 P. M. Preaching by Rev. Loyd Jones. Scripture Matthew 24:12&13. Rev. R. B. Crawford preached using I Corinthians 1:17,18, and 10. Both messages were enjoyed. Song "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Dismissed by Rev. Cleve Hollman.

Rev. Ernest Rich
Rev. Jerry Coker
Rev. Charles Marable
Rev. Ronald Mashburn

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Clerk
Assistant Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRESBYTERY 1977-1978

The Presbytery met at Cypress Oak Grove Church October 29, 1977 at 8:18 P. M. The meeting opened with Altar Prayer led by Bro. Jessie L. Speegle. The Moderator, Bro. Odell Weems, called the Presbytery to order with the following members present: 26 Ministers, Bros. Clovis Brewer, L. O. Cook, Ed Caperton, Jerry Coker, Nigle E. Daniel, Willie Daniel, Carmack Gobbell, Willie Hollander, Cleve Hollman, Sammy R. Holt, Dennis Hunt, Loyd Jones, Charles Lopp, Paul C. Story, M. J. Malone, Theodore Norred, Leslie Prince, Ernest Rich, J. A. Ricketts, Howard Roden, Jessie L. Speegle, M. A. Stooksberry, Alfred Strait, James T. Turnbow, Preston West, and Jack Bowers, Jr. 18 Deacons, Bros. Odell Weems, Roy Butler, Lewis Marks, Alfred Butler, Danny Roberson, Buford Ayers, Ollie Holt, Beaumont Goobsey, Hubert Townsend, Alfred Mashburn, Warren Strait, Willie Ray Thompson, Mitchell Lopp, Clarence Wisdom, Charles E. Hunt, Russell Gambrell, W. S. Benefield, and Joel O. Martin Sr. 1 Licensed minister, Bro. Charles E. Hunt. 1 Visiting minister, Bro. Dewey Stults.

Unfinished business: Bro. Charles Lopp, Chairman, of a committee appointed to see Bro. L. O. Cook, reported the committee went to visit Brother Cook and was promised that he would fill out and mail a report to the Clerk of the Presbytery. A motion, seconded, and carried to accept the report and release the committee. Bro. L. O. Cook was recognized and he made a brief statement, saying he did tell the committee he would make a report in order to please the Presbytery. He then stated that he had changed his mind after thinking it over, and decided since his life-time card was given him several years back, before the rule was changed, that he was going to keep his card. He stated that he had been hurt very much but he was not mad at anyone and loved everyone. After his remarks he left the Presbytery meeting immediately. There was some discussion after which a motion, seconded, and carried to drop Brother L. O. Cook from the Presbytery rolls.

New Business: Hohenwald Church recommended that Brother Finis Barber be dropped from the Presbytery rolls as a deacon, since they had dropped him as a deacon from their Church in a conference held October 2, 1977. Motion, Seconded, and carried to drop Brother Finis Barber from the Presbytery rolls as a deacon. Brother Nigle Daniel, Evangelist, reported that in this same conference the Hohenwald Church elected Brother Richard McConnell as Pastor by unanimous vote of the conference. Brother Charles Lopp, Assistant Evangelist, announce a week-end revival at the Hohenwald Church beginning Friday running thru Sunday night November 4, 5, and 6, 1977 and urged everyone to attend.

Brother Clovis Brewer announced that final settlement of Court Suit of Cypress Oak Grove Church on appeal had been rendered and that the Judge fined the Church \$500.00 rent on the old Church for the 6 weeks during time taken for the appeal, and that the Church still owed a lot on their new Church. He made a motion, which was seconded and carried that the Presbytery contribute \$300.00 to the Church. He suggested that the Home Mission Board do the same. An offering taken in the Amount of \$68.21 for the Presbytery. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet at Mill Rock Church Saturday night January 28, 1978.

Bro. Odell Weems, Moderator
Bro. Joel Martin Sr., Clerk-Treas.

The Presbytery met at Mill Rock Church January 28, 1978 at 8:15 P. M. The meeting opened with Altar Prayer and was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Odell Weems, with the following members present: 16 Ministers, Bros. Jerry Coker, Nigle Daniel, Willie Daniel, Johnnie Davis, Willie Hollander, Dennis Hunt, Loyd Jones, M. J. Malone, Charles Marable, Theodore Norred, James T. Turnbow, Cleve Hollman, Elzo Clanton, Jack Bowers Jr., Carmack Gobbell, and Ronald Mashburn. 16 Deacons, Bros. Buford Ayers, Billy Holt, James C. Daniels, Joe Butler, J. D. Butler, Harlon Ray Daniels, Russell Gambrell, Ollie Holt, Alfred Mashburn, Hubert Townsend, George Fowlkes, Charles E. Hunt, W. S. Benefield, Alfred Butler, Odell Weems, and Joel O. Martin Sr. 3 Licensed ministers, Bro. Michael Harper, Roland Parrish, and Charles E. Hunt. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted with no unfinished business.

New Business: A letter presented from Brother Sammy R. Holt turning in his Credentials. Motion, seconded, and carried accepting his credentials. An offering taken for the Presbytery in the amount of \$58.55. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet at Grays' Chapel Church April 29, 1978.

Bro. Odell Weems, Moderator
Bro. Joel Martin Sr., Clerk-Treas.

The Presbytery met at Grays' Chapel Church April 29, 1978 at 8:30 P. M. The meeting opened with Altar Prayer and was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Odell Weems with the following members present: 22 Ministers, Bros. Theodore Adams, Leo Beckman, Willie Daniel, Johnnie Davis, Kenneth Glover, Dennis Hunt, Willie Hollander, Loyd Jones, H. C. Killen Sr., Charles Lopp, M. J. Malone, Charles Marable, Danny McConnell, Ernest Rich, J. A. Ricketts, Paul C. Story, M. A. Stooksberry, James T. Turnbow, J. C. Woods, Jack Bowers Jr., Dick Prince, and Jessie L. Speegle. 22 Deacons, Bros. James L. Hamm, Danny Roberson, Alfred Mashburn, Hubert Townsend, Willie Ray Thompson, Solon Gray, Clarence Wisdom, Buford Ayers, Beaumont Goobsey, Alfred Butler, J. D. Butler, Charles E. Hunt, Bill Curbow, Odell Weems, Clarence Belew, Andrew Killen, W. B. Wilson, W. S. Benefield, Russell Gambrell, Elvin Garrison, James Liles, and Joel Martin Sr. 2 Licensed Ministers, Bros. Charles E. Hunt and Michael Harper. 2 Visiting Ministers, Bros. Dewey Stults and W. V. Bailey. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted with no unfinished business.

New Business: Bro. Joel O. Martin Sr., Clerk, made an apology to the Presbytery for the error he made in the Columbia Presbytery minutes. Bro. W. S. Wilson requested that he be dismissed as a Deacon, on proper motion, seconded and carried he was dropped from the Presbytery rolls. Bro. Sammy R. Holt requested that his credentials be returned to him. On proper motion, seconded, and carried, his request was granted. An offering taken for the Presbytery in the amount of \$67.92. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet at Mill Rock Church Saturday night July 30, 1978.

Bro. Odell Weems, Moderator.
Bro. Joel Martin Sr., Clerk-Treas.

The Presbytery met at Mill Rock Church Saturday July 29, 1978, at 8:30 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Odell Weems with Altar Prayer led by Bro. Johnnie R. Davis. The following members were present: 24 Ministers, Bros. Jerry Coker, Nigle E. Daniel, Willie Daniel, Johnnie Davis, Carmack Gobbell, Willie Hollander, Cleve Hollman, Dennis Hunt, H. C. Killen Sr., Charles Lopp, M. J. Malone, Charles O. Marable, Danny McConnell, Arlo Peppers, Sammy Holt, Leslie Prince, Ernest Rich, Frederick Rowden, M. A. Stooksberry, Paul C. Story, J. C. Woods, Loyd Jones, James T. Turnbow, and Jack Bowers Jr., 24 Deacons: Bros. Gene Kelley, James C. Daniels, Mitchell Lopp, James L. Hamm, Hubert Townsend, Alfred Mashburn, Clarence Wisdom, Nola Berry, Willie J. Moore, Buford Ayers, Danny Roberson, Harlon R. Daniels, Ollie Holt, Joe Butler, J. D. Butler, Alfred Butler, Russell Gambrell, Gene Cook, Odell Weems, Beaumont Goobsey, Elvin Butler, Solon Gray, W. S. Benefield, and Frank Kelley. 2 Licensed Ministers: Bros. Mike Harper and Charles E. Hunt. 1 Visiting Minister Bro. J. B. Harper of the Tennessee River Assc.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted with no unfinished business.

New business: Mill Rock Church recommended Bro. Michael Harper and Gray's Chapel Church recommended Bro. Charles E. Hunt to be ordained to preach the Gospel. Royal Avenue Church recommended Bros. Johnny Blocker and Doys Whitehead be ordained deacons if found worthy. The examining committee was Bro. Paul C. Story, Chairman, Bro. J. D. Butler and Bro. Frederick Rowden, after ample examination and finding all candidates worthy, they were ordained. Bro. Charles E. Hunt after being ordained Minister, turned in his deacon certificate and Bro. James Yant a deacon of Columbia Church turned in his certificate. On proper motion, seconded, and carried their deacon certificates were accepted.

Bro. Leslie Prince was elected Evangelist and Bro. Willie Hollander was elected Assistant Evangelist for the year 1978-79. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn after an offering was taken, with no other discussion. The offering was 74.09 and the Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Association when convened at Collinwood Church September 22, 23, 1978.

Bro. Odell Weems, Moderator
Bro. Jack Bowers, Jr., Assistant Clerk

The Presbytery met at the Association when convened with Collinwood Church September 22, 23, 1978. The meeting opened with Altar prayer led by Bro. Alfred Mashburn. The Moderator, Bro. Odell Weems called the Presbytery to order with the following members present: 25 Ministers, Bros. Paul C. Story, Theodore Adams, Charles E. Hunt, Cleve Hollman, Leslie Prince, J. M. Burns, Sr., Clovis Brewer, Jessie Speegle, T. E. Roper, Sr., Paul H. Sanderson, Johnnie Davis, Richard McConnell, Charles O. Marable, Loyd Jones, James T. Turnbow, Dennis Hunt, Charles Lopp, Dick Prince, Arlo Peppers, Willie Daniel, Jack Bowers, Jr., Jerry Coker, Ronald Mashburn, Mike Harper, and Ernest Rich. 19 Deacons, Bros. Alfred Mashburn, Milas Myers, Hubert Townsend, Bill Curbow, James Daniels, W. S. Benefield, Howard Perry Sr., Clarence Belew, Nola Berry, Buford Ayers, Gene Kelley, Joe Butler, Solon Gray, Willie Ray Thompson, Clarence Wisdom, Beaumont Goobsey, Jay Wright, Odell Weems, and Joel O. Martin, Sr. 3 Visiting Ministers, Bros. J. B. Harper, and V. H. Geans of the Tennessee River Association and R. B. Crawford, Public Relations Dept., Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tennessee. The minutes of the last Regular meeting were read and adopted with no unfinished business.

New business: Cross Roads Church presented the Credentials of Bro. Aaron Hooper as he had united with another Church outside our Association. On proper motion, seconded, and carried his Credentials were accepted and his name ordered dropped from our rolls. St. Joseph Church presented a letter stating that Bro. Doyce Springer did not desire to be a Deacon. On proper motion, seconded, and carried Bro. Springer was dropped from the rolls. Motion, seconded, and carried ordering the Clerk to notify Bro. Fred Creekmore of the rule requiring his membership in one of our Churches, since Hohenwald Church was dropped from the Association rolls. The motion to allow him one year to take care of his membership.

Motion, seconded, and carried to allow the Clerk to up date ministers' reports showing ordained ministers and deacons. Motion, seconded, carried, allowing Bro. Loyd Jones to verify the amount paid him by his Church and send to Clerk before Presbytery work is turned over for printing. Reports of ministers present were read, adopted, and cards granted. Presbytery adjourned and left open until tomorrow Saturday, September 23rd.

Presbytery called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Odell Weems, with Altar prayer led by Bro. Jay Wright. Reports of preachers present were read, adopted, and cards granted. Brother Roy Gulley and Bro. Herman Fields not reporting for two years. Bro. Roy Gulley was dropped from the Presbytery rolls and Brother Herman Fields was granted a card on proper motion, seconded, which carried as he was in a nursing home. Motion, seconded, and carried that we call a special meeting to deal with all preachers not reporting for two years, in regard to their Credentials. Forty-Eight Bridge, Cross Roads, and Flatwoods, Churches ask for this meeting. The meeting was voted to go to Forty-Eight Bridge Church and will be held Saturday, September 30, 1978 at 7:00 P. M. The Treasurers report was read and adopted.

Officers were elected as follows: Clerk-Treas.—Bro. Jack Bowers, Jr., Assistant Clerk-Treas.—Bro. James T. Turnbow, Moderator—Bro. Odell Weems, and Assistant Moderator—Bro. Loyd Jones. Offering taken in the amount of \$44.47. These minutes were adopted as written. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn to meet at Forty-Eight Bridge Church for special called meeting.

Bro. Odell Weems, Moderator
Bro. Loyd Jones, Assistant Moderator
Bro. Joel O. Martin, Sr., Clerk-Treas.
Bro. Jack Bowers, Jr., Assistant Clerk-Treas.

MINUTES OF THE 48TH SESSION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION WHICH CONVENED WITH MILLROCK CHURCH—JULY 29-30, 1978

PROGRAM

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION JULY 29, 1978

7:00 Open with Song and Prayer
Welcome Address by Pastor, Rev. Jerry Coker
Devotion by Rev. J. C. Woods
7:45 Preaching by Rev. Charles Marable
8:30 Presbytery Meeting
Assignment to Homes by Pastor

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION JULY 30, 1978

9:30 Open with Song and Prayer
9:40 Welcome Address by Pastor
9:45 Purpose of Convention by Bro. Sterlin Roberson
9:50 Receiving of Letters and Seating of Delegates-Election of Officers
10:30 Rendering of Programs
12:00 Lunch Hour

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 Continuation of Programs

DELEGATES TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

BURNS CHAPEL—Sister Elsie Berry, Sister Lavenia Brewer, Sister Earlene Rich
BUTLER'S GROVE—Bro. Kenneth Thompson, Brenda Thompson, Rachel Speegle
CANAN—Jim Mac Gallaher, Dorothy Gallaher
COLLINWOOD—Paulaine Daniel, Evelyn Holt, Elsie Berry
COLUMBIA—None
COMMUNITY—None
CROSSROADS—None
CYPRESS OAK GROVE—Virginia Gilchrist, Juanita Lawson, Shelby Butler
FELLOWSHIP—Veete Prince, Eliza Prince, Teresa Lester
FLATWOODS—Mr. & Mrs. Otha Phillips, Mr & Mrs. Horace Peppers
FORTY—EIGHT BRIDGE—None
FRIENDSHIP OF SHEFFIELD—None
FRIENDSHIP STATELINE—Ellie Poole, Ruth Jones, Linda Hovis
GRAY'S CHAPEL—Eugene Adams, Lizzie Hamm, Wayne Urban
HICKORY FLAT—Mr. & Mrs. Huston Burbank, Herbert Michael
IRON CITY—Lou Ann Gamble, Annette Bradley, Ivey Roberson
JOHNSON'S CHAPEL—None
MILL ROCK—Marvin Daniel, Joe Horton, Bobby Holt
NEW COMMUNITY—George Fowlkes, Lorene Fowlkes, Nancy Parrish
OAK GROVE #2—None
ROYAL AVENUE—Annie Staggs, Bessie Roden, Billy Whitehead
ST. JOSEPH—Jane Russ, Retha Hunt, Lilly Perry
STATELINE GROVE—Lorene Roper, Madge Stanford, Wanda Jones
WILLIAMS CHAPEL—Judy Russ, Lucy Gambell, Delphia Todd

	NO. OF CLASSES	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CHAPTERS READ	AVERAGE WEEKLY COLLECTION	AMOUNT IN TREASURY	AMOUNT PAID FOR LITERATURE	OTHER EXPENSES	BALANCE IN TREASURY
Burns Chapel	4	56		48	99.53	676.71	336.97	3,309.48	6,473.54
Butler Grove	4	40	80		25.00	563.00	160.00		563.00
Canaan	5	50	79		100.00		200.00	4,243.92	736.84
Collinwood	6	52	75				332.15		
Columbia	6	124	153	17,273	290.00		379.79		2,595.00
Community	5	45	49		80.00		172.00	118.00	120.00
Cross Roads	5	48	82	3,857	33.00		177.22	2,124.38	244.22
Cypress Oak Grove	4	50					232.63		
Fellowship	3	25	77		40.00	900.09	45.25	295.19	909.00
Flatwoods		63	110	55	79.02		606.91		
Forty-Eight	3	27	35	58	43.54	2,263.17		2,217.35	4,582.00
Friendship Sheffield	3	30	60		8.00	250.00	190.00		60.00
Friendship Stateline	7	82	150		16.00	206.53	161.22	322.98	206.53
Gray's Chapel	5	70	80		29.00	306.53	235.46	93.02	306.53
Hickory Flat	4	40	55		26.00	1,710.75	59.97	538.60	112.38
Iron City	4	50			35.00	242.74	182.38	2,335.43	
Johnson Chapel	3	30	16	3,361	30.47			3,271.42	111.31
Mill Rock	7	83	100		273.14		507.11		
New Community	4	40	33	52	50.00	234.19	125.36	2,077.65	234.19
Oak Grove No. 2	3	25	43	1572	20.00		48.00	54.98	244.44
Rose Hill									
Royal Avenue	5	35	53		20.00	418.83	149.35	357.85	418.83
St. Joseph	4	42	41	437	102.04	631.26	21.15	1,095.00	631.26
Stateline Grove	6	58	60		33.59		166.32		
Williams Chapel	4	50	69		71.50	305.34	192.43	3,715.40	305.34

CONSTITUTION OF THE PRESBYTERY

ARTICLE 1. Be it known that the ordained ministers, together with the deacons of the Muscle Shoals State Line Association, are the Presbytery of this Association, all of whom are ex-officio members.

ARTICLE 2. The object of the Presbytery is the mutual improvements of the ministry, their protection against hostile influences, and their purification by casting out unworthy members.

ARTICLE 3. The Presbytery has exclusive jurisdiction and control over the official character and standing of all ordained members and Licensed ministers under its control.

ARTICLE 4. The Presbytery adopts a constitution, by-laws, and regulations by the majority vote not inconsistent with Free Will Baptist principles and usages.

ARTICLE 5. When a Church desires the License of a minister or an ordination of a minister, or deacon, it requests the Presbytery to examine the candidate and if it thinks proper, License or ordain him.

ARTICLE 6. Before License or ordination the candidate is examined as to the gifts, grace and usefulness, including his personal piety, his call to the ministry, his adoption and devotion to the work, doctrinal sentiments and his general acceptance with the public.

ARTICLE 7. In ordination there is presentation of the Bible, a prayer of consecration, charge and the laying on of hands.

ARTICLE 8. A minister from another denomination, having first been received by a local Church, must serve 12 months in that Church, and then be recommended by it; is examined in the same way though with special care as to his doctrinal sentiments. Any minister coming under the hands of this Presbytery who walks disorderly or commits an offense, must come before this body and make restitution or willingly give up such rights of license or ordination papers or card given him by this body or they agree to be published in any or all newspapers as this body deems necessary.

ARTICLE 9. Any of our ministers failing to come in person or send a report will not receive a card, but their name will be retained in our minutes for twelve months, then if no report is received at the end of the next twelve months, they will automatically be dropped from the Presbytery. Any minister in good standing leaving this Presbytery is to get a letter recommendation and turn in his credentials.

ARTICLE 10. Any person or persons desiring to bring a charge against another brother demanding a trial or the mind of this Presbytery, shall not bring the charges to the Association or any regular fifth Sunday meeting; but shall request the Moderator, to call a special meeting at the Church where the trouble started. The Moderator shall instruct the Clerk to notify each member of this Presbytery of the time and place of such meeting.

ARTICLE 11. Any minister desiring license or ordination must be a member of a Free Will Baptist Church in this Association twelve months before being licensed or ordained, and shall preach under license twelve months before being ordained. Then if the Presbytery finds them

worthy, ordain them, their credentials being valid so long as they maintain Christian conduct and remain a member of a Church in this Association. Licensed ministers under the control of this Presbytery shall not Baptize anyone, nor shall they perform a marriage ceremony. All ministers' reports shall be read before the Presbytery and adopted or rejected.

ARTICLE 12. The Clerk of the Presbytery shall be paid \$25.00 for his services and shall see to the printing and mailing of the fifth Sunday meeting programs.

ARTICLE 13. The Churches shall approve their deacons for twelve months before being recommended to be ordained. Also ministers desiring to be licensed or ordained, shall have a written recommendation from the Church of which he is a member before he is licensed or ordained.

ARTICLE 14. Any deacon moving his membership from one Church to another in this Association, or from a Church of another Association, or Denomination, must be accepted to membership in one of our Churches, and in a special called conference of that Church be accepted as a deacon, before being accepted to membership in the Presbytery.

ARTICLE 15. No alternations can be made in this Constitution, nor any new rule, or regulation be adopted, except in a "CLOSED" special meeting, with only ordained members of this Presbytery present.

CHURCH RULES

1. We agree to meet in conference quarterly or more often if necessary to transact the business of the Church.

2. The Moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the Church in the absence of the Pastor. The Moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the Church on them, and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but no vote unless there be a tie, when he shall have the casting vote.

3. It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats in conference and bear their part of the Church expenses.

4. No member shall leave his seat during conference without permission from the Moderator.

5. No member shall arraign another before the Church for any grievance without first taking Gospel steps.

6. All business brought before the Church by motion and seconded in Gospel like order shall be attended to by the Church unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Any person wishing to speak shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and if two arise at the same time the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first, and no member speaking shall cast any reflections on any person, but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the Church.

9. It shall be the duty of all Church members to be present at any Church meeting to vote on all questions before the Church, called on by the Moderator or any member of the Church who may desire to obtain the mind of the whole Church.

10. If any member shall remain silent during the transaction of any business of the Church and afterwards complain of what was done, the same shall be deemed disorderly and the member so offending shall be dealt with accordingly

11. The members of the Church shall not speak about one another slanderously, and shall not give any report or circulation that may arise against any Church member, but shall make it known to the one the report is against and to no one else, and any members doing otherwise shall be dealt with accordingly.

12. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present at any time.

13. We have but one mode of baptism and that is immersion, and will not accept any other baptism.

14. Each Pastor, if possible shall hold his own conference and that election of Pastor be done by ballot.

15. Any of our Churches calling a Pastor, see that he is a member of a Free Will Baptist Church and has ordination papers and card, and that he is in good standing in a Free Will Baptist Association.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association when convened shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time and he shall rise and address the Moderator.

3. No person shall be interrupted by anyone except the Moderator until he is through speaking. Nor shall the Moderator, unless he break the order.

4. The person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question and shall not cast any personal reflection on him who has spoken before.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

6. No member shall laugh or whisper in the time of public speech.

7. No members shall address each other except by the appellation of brother or brothers.

8. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave.
9. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association may think necessary.
10. No person shall speak more than five minutes at any time without leave from the Association.
11. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Moderator according to the direction of the Association.
12. Every member of this body shall vote for or against every move that comes before it. When they fail to do this they shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Be it known that we, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ being in the states of Alabama and Tennessee, do believe in the doctrine of the general atonement, we have been baptized on a profession and we are desirous of bringing about a reciprocal union. We propose to maintain the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan:

ARTICLE 1. We believe that Churches of Christ are mutually independent of each other; that a congregation form of Church government should be invariably preserved, yet we being convinced of the utility of friendly intercourse and pious council of principles of union advantage and Christian love hold it a duty of the Churches to pay respect to principles with regard to the duty of the Association.

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall be composed of all Ministers and ordained deacons and not more than three delegates chosen by the different Churches in our union, when, producing letter from respective Churches, certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE 3. The letters so produced shall express the condition of these Churches respectively; that is, the number of members in fellowship, the number excluded and died since the last Association.

ARTICLE 4. The body shall have no conceived power to lord it over God's heritage, or infringe on any of the internal privileges or rights by the Churches in our union, but shall only be considered an advisory council on all things pertaining to the internal concerns of the Church.

ARTICLE 5. The Association is to give the best advise it can in all matters of difficulty. If the union be broken between any of the Churches, said Association shall inquire into the case of the breach and use its best endeavor to remove the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be removed, to withdraw from the Churches which they may look upon as unsound in principle or disorderly in conduct or practice until they be reclaimed.

ARTICLE 6. To take up no case of any kind in this union without the consent of a majority of the Churches and then only to give advise.

ARTICLE 7. Any Church may be admitted into the Association by letters and delegates, and if upon examination it is found orthodox and orderly, such admission shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegate thereof.

ARTICLE 8. The Association when properly organized for business, shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present, and the duty of the Moderator shall be to keep the Association in order, state questions fairly and take the minds thereon, to have no vote unless the Association be equally divided in which he shall have the deciding vote. The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a true record of the proceedings of the Association.

ARTICLE 9. No query shall be received by the Association from any Church unless it shall have been acted upon in said Church and cannot be settled, in which case the Association shall take up same and act upon it.

ARTICLE 10. Every motion and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the mover.

ARTICLE 11. We agree to settle all our business by a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE 12. The Association shall have the power to sit as an advisory council, give the Churches all the necessary advice in matters of difficulty, to inquire into the cases of Churches neglecting to represent themselves in the Association, to appoint any member or members with their consent, to transact any business they judge necessary, to invite any visiting brethren in the Ministry to a seat in the Association, to adjourn the Association at any place that may be deemed necessary, to exclude from his seat any member who will not conform to the rules and decorum and shall report his or her conduct to the Church for which they are delegates.

ARTICLE 13. This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds majority vote of members present, providing the proposed amendment be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

ARTICLE 14. That we receive all members by the right hand of fellowship and that we elect the Assistant Moderator each year, he automatically becomes the Moderator the following year. We are also to elect the Clerk and Assistant Clerk each year. The Clerk is to be paid \$30.00 for seeing that the minutes are printed.

ARTICLE 15. That our Association convene on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September each year.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one true and eternal God, the Father of whom are all things everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes (I Corinthians 8:6; Isaiah 40:28).

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world, and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all;

tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and the dead (I Timothy 2:5, 6; St. John 3:16; Revelations 1:17; Acts 24:15; I John 2:2).

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world; who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God (St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Ephesians 4:4, 6; Ephesians 2:1).

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and moral state subject to death (Genesis 2:17; 3:19).

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved, for which end Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations, and to every creature (Mark 16:15; John 3:15, 17; I Timothy 2:4).

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him but as the scripture has said for denying the Lord that bought them because they believe not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all contradictions that all men at one time may be saved (Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Hebrews 3:10; John 5:10).

7. We believe the Scriptures are infallibly true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice (II Timothy 3:16, 17).

8. We believe in the doctrine of general provision made of God in Christ for the benefit of all mankind who repent and believe the gospel (Luke 14:16, 20; Luke 13:3, 5; Luke 24:27; Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15).

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings whereas such who would not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit shall at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnations for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace (Matthew 11:27; St. John 6:44, 65; Psalm 1:1; Titus 2:11; Jeremiah 22:29).

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considering such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God, Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction but we observe that they might be saved; therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every son of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein for there is no respect of persons with God (Jude 4:2; Peter 2:1, 2; II Thessalonians 2:11, 12; Romans 2:9, 11).

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own person are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam and not that any of them dying in that state suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for such is the kingdom of God (I Corinthians 15:22; Matthew 1:2, 5; Mark 9:36, 37; Matthew 14:14).

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means eternal life is promised to men (Revelations 22:14, 15; Isaiah 2:19, 20; Matthew 7:8; Jeremiah 6:16; Luke 13:34, 35).

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own words, power or ability which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God (Romans 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21).

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions, yet not having decreed any person to everlasting life out of respect or mere choice, farther than He hath appointed the godly unto life and the ungodly who die in sin unto death (Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 8:22; Matthew 25:21, 24).

15. We believe as touching gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on the hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing of the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, praying, singing praise to God and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament (Mark 16:15; Acts 8:17; 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5, 17; James 5:14).

16. We believe the gospel mode of water baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12).

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgement at the last day (John 5:28, 29; II Corinthians 5:10).

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless (Matthew 25:46).

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ at _____

_____, send greetings to the ministers and messengers composing the Muscle Shoals State Line Association of the Free Will Baptists when convened with _____ Church.

We send our beloved, to wit: _____

to sit with you in your deliberations and help transact any legal business that may come before your honorable body. The statistics of our church are as follows:

Received by experience _____, by letter _____, by confession _____, by restoration _____, dismissed by letter _____, expelled _____, dead _____, total membership _____, active _____, inactive _____, minute fund \$ _____.

We have elected Elder _____ to the pastoral care of our church for the ensuing year. No. of deacons _____, No. of ordained ministers _____, No. of licensed ministers _____, church property \$ _____, amount given pastor \$ _____, amount given assistant pastor \$ _____, amount given revival helper \$ _____, amount given foreign mission \$ _____, amount given home missions \$ _____, amount given orphanage \$ _____, amount given evangelist \$ _____, other expenses \$ _____, deceased members _____

Clerk's Address _____

Moderator's Address _____

Our meeting days _____, Pastor _____

Clerk _____, Remarks: _____

FORM OF RECEIVING MEMBERS IN THE CHURCH

Inasmuch as you present yourself for admission into the church of the Free Will Baptists in Christ, we rejoice with you that through the grace of God you have been brought to a knowledge of the truth and have been made partakers of the great salvation. The privileges you seek are above price and the duties enjoined are so solemn it is proper that you publicly confess your faith and vow your purpose by answering the following questions:

1. Q. Did you find yourself a sinner in the sight of God?
A. I did.
2. Q. And you now believe that God has for Christ's sake pardoned and forgiven all your sins?
A. I do.
3. Q. And your desire is to become a member of the Free Will Baptists at this place?
A. Yes, sir.
4. Q. Are you willing to be governed by our church rules?
A. Yes, sir.
5. Q. Are you willing to contribute to the support of the gospel as God prospers you?
A. I am.
6. Q. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and do you accept Him as your personal Saviour?
A. I do.
7. Q. Do you believe the whole Bible is infallibly true, and are you willing to take it as your guide?
A. Yes, sir.
8. Q. Do you believe in free and open communion? Let a man examine himself according to I. Corinthians 11:28. Also in washing of the saints feet, according to St. John 13?
A. I do.
9. Q. Have you been baptized by immersion?

ANSWER _____